

Basic-Level Certification

The Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) is the Department of Defense's (DoD) Center of Excellence for Security Cooperation (SC) education and training. DSCU supports the Defense Security Cooperation Agency's mission of training, educating, and providing for the long-term development of the Security Cooperation Workforce (SCW).

BENEFITS OF BASIC-LEVEL CERTIFICATION

Security cooperation is at the forefront of our National Defense Strategy. An educated SC workforce will enable the U.S. to continue to be the partner of choice for our allies and partners. The courses required for Basic-level certification provide SC practitioners with an overview of security cooperation and the policies, practices, and procedures that support security cooperation missions. The recently updated basic-level courses provide the entire SCW with the same foundational knowledge of SC.

WHO QUALIFIES?

All members of the SCW are required to obtain an appropriate SC professional certification based on the position's certification requirement, and they must maintain certification as long as they remain in an SC position (a condition of employment for civilians and an order for service members). This includes DoD military and civilian personnel...

1. working in the security cooperation organizations of U.S. Missions Overseas.
2. in the geographic and functional COCOMs responsible for planning, monitoring, or conducting security cooperation activities.
3. in the military departments and Services performing security cooperation activities, including activities in connection with acquisition, the development and implementation of technology-release and foreign-disclosure policies, and planning, monitoring, evaluating, and conducting SC activities.
4. of Defense Agencies and Field Activities who perform SC activities.
5. who perform assessments, monitoring, or evaluation of SC programs and activities.
6. who contribute significantly to DoD SC programs and activities. This includes military and civilian personnel in the OSD and the Joint Staff who perform SC planning, policy oversight, or program management functions.

SC-101 was the best... the whole workforce will take this same course and it will provide a common background.

—SC Workforce Member



WHERE TO ACCESS COURSES

Visit the DSCU website at www.dscu.mil to view your certification requirements, register for courses, and track your learning path. The website will provide the DSCU course schedule for courses in your Area of Concentration (AOC). All basic-level courses are administered via self paced Online Training (OLT).

BASIC-LEVEL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS BY AREA OF CONCENTRATION (AOC)

DSCU courses are divided into five AOCs, allowing students to focus their learning based on their job functions.

SC Planning, Oversight, & Execution Management

SC-101 Introduction to Security Cooperation

SC-111 Introduction to Technology Transfer

SC-121 Introduction to End Use Monitoring

SC-151 Introduction to Regional Studies

23 hours of training

SC Case Life Cycle Management

SC-101 Introduction to Security Cooperation

SC-111 Introduction to Technology Transfer

SC-151 Introduction to Regional Studies

21 hours of training

Security Cooperation Office (SCO) Operations And Management

SC-101 Introduction to Security Cooperation

SC-111 Introduction to Technology Transfer

SC-121 Introduction to End Use Monitoring

SC-151 Introduction to Regional Studies

23 hours of training

SC Execution Support Management

SC-101 Introduction to Security Cooperation

SC-111 Introduction to Technology Transfer

SC-151 Introduction to Regional Studies

21 hours of training

SC Acquisition Management

SC-101 Introduction to Security Cooperation

SC-111 Introduction to Technology Transfer

ACQ-120 Introduction to Fundamentals of International Acquisition

SC-151 Introduction to Regional Studies

36 hours of training

BY WHEN DO I NEED TO COMPLETE MY BASIC-LEVEL CERTIFICATION?

Upon effective date of release of the DoDI (May 7, 2021), all SCW members will have one year to complete all required basic-level courses. For personnel who join the SCW after that, the “one year” will begin on the day that they enter the SCW.

CAN I RECEIVE CREDIT FOR COURSES PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AND/ OR CAN I “TEST-OUT” OF COURSES?

Students will be given course credit for required courses already taken from DAU. A limited number of legacy Defense Institute of Security Cooperation Studies (DISCS) courses are considered equivalent to the new Certification Program courses. Personnel who completed one or more of those legacy DISCS courses within a specified timeframe will receive credit for the equivalent Certification Program course. In addition, some Certification Program courses will have a “test-out” option. A student who scores high enough on the pre-test will automatically receive credit for having completed that course without needing to take the course. The “test-out” option will not be available immediately for all courses.